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1. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] At one time after World War II the anti-groups were many and well-organized, but proposals made by Mr Mikolajczyk in attempting to fulfill his plan caused organized opposition to be destroyed. When leaders and groups came out of hiding in response to Mr Mikolajczyk's proposal, they were tagged by the Communists and in due time were mercilessly and completely destroyed.

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted] resistance groups?

[redacted] groups [redacted] in existence operate independently and engage mostly in sabotage activities. Occasionally a Party leader or Soviet soldier will be found dead. [redacted] attempts are made to blow up ammunition factories or Soviet military trains. I'm certain that operating decisions are made by the leader of a particular independent group. 50X1-HUM

4. [redacted] resistance activities are conducted for purely political reasons [redacted] since there is no profit in criminal operations. What can be stolen generally does not realize enough to feed one's family. [redacted]

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7. religion is being suppressed

Even with defiance expressed by attendance, certain laws are injected against religion. As an example, the Polish people are no longer permitted to be married in the church, but only by the state.

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a Communist does not have any faith. Communism enters the life of everyone, beginning at the cradle. With the death of our older people, fewer and fewer non-Communists will remain, and can very conveniently be swallowed up with time. Everything concerning Poland is only a matter of time, and the Soviets know it.

9. restrictions imposed upon the Polish people by the present regime

political aspects most annoy the Polish people. As an example, a political rally can be called on any provocation and any person caught in the web must participate. For instance, if a commissar decides to have a rally in the factory after work, at closing time all doors are closed and all are forbidden to leave. It is unforgivable and punishable to be absent. The subjects at such rallies are generally a repetition of Communist propaganda for the purpose of driving home a point. Through repetition, any Communist objective is usually known by heart after a time. A person may participate at these rallies or celebrations anywhere, in factories, in theaters, or any place that might take the fancy of some political figure. It is very annoying to the people, since life under the present regime seems to be a series of rallies and demonstrations. And then, of course, for propaganda reasons it is published that all the people of a certain rally or demonstration voluntarily participated, and wholeheartedly accept and support the measures applied or subjects discussed.

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The youth of Poland is slowly being communized. There is no other choice for the youth of Poland, since that is all they know. Old influence and memories are dying out, so it will be difficult to retain much of what the western world hopes for.

11.

the regime was hated

they are gaining not in favor so much as power, since under such a strong control, there is no other choice. Even though the regime is hated, very little can be done against it, and people will not revolt against it unless they are assured of outside help. It is not like East Berlin where tanks are required to squash a revolt. In Poland an uprising can be handled quickly and effectively. There are sufficient Soviet forces available to cope with any situation in any locality. There have been instances where a revolt flared up, but it was only a matter of a short time before it was neutralized.

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If the population was certain that outside help was forthcoming 95% of the people would rise against the Communists. That also includes military personnel. the present regime is not loved. It is tolerated only because it has to be. A spark of freedom positively indicated by the West would have spontaneous repercussions.

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Life for the military is not an easy lot under the present regime. Control and loyalty to the Communists is maintained through fear and harsh discipline, but if an opportunity of shedding the yoke arises, the majority of the military would desert. As for loyalty to the Soviets, events of history cause a bitter hatred against them by the Poles. It is taken for granted that what is called a government of Poland is in reality an occupation of Poland by the Soviets and all the people are conscious of it.

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To be seen talking to a Western representative is dangerous. As a consequence, a person goes out of his way to avoid contact. During political lectures we were constantly indoctrinated against the capitalistic representatives, so you can rest assured that all had as little contact with the West as possible. There was little occasion for contact.

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16. partisan activities

remained fairly effective to 1948

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the most active area was around Krakow.

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If something positive is not done in the near future, and the Soviet indoctrination is permitted to continue as extensively as it has thus far, then there is no other choice for the youth of Poland, since they will know nothing else. The older generations who know something about democracy and are the only means of informing the youth are now a small minority, and are slowing disappearing. With time, there shall be none left. It must also be remembered that as a country there is no free Poland. In actuality it is a Soviet occupation.

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the ideological trend is on the increase and has been since 1945.

20. Voice of America Program

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Most of the people resent the constant comparisons being made between US and Communist holdings. The people are not interested in knowing of material wealth and the goodness of government.

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What the people do want to hear is about support, which should be forthcoming soon. a psychological pillar of hope in the form of liberation. The people are ready to join in such a program, but they must be certain and must be reminded that such an effort is physically in existence and is indorsed Something else which is objectionable and is used on Voice of America program is revealing the fact that a German Army is being reorganized and has the sponsorship and support of the US. The people are suspicious of the Germans and are reminded of the consequences suffered from 1939 through 1945. A recurrence is not desired, so a US-sponsored German Army is not favored. In their political indoctrination the Soviets take advantage of this knowledge

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The wound is not yet healed, so reminders take very easily. Also in promoting and disseminating any information concerning Western-endorsed efforts for liberation, refrain from using pre-World War II personalities. The Polish population feels that traitorous acts by the old government caused and let to the present day predicament. Only failure and misery is remembered where the old government is concerned. Salvation is not indicative of the old government.

21. the most effective control the Soviets have over the people

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The informer program. It is effective enough to cause everyone to fear everyone else. It is impossible to confide in any person, so all are suspect. Familiarity is out of the question.

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As long as there is an indication that resistance would see a final liberation and consistent support, the people would react wholeheartedly. Once locations of areas for partisan support were known, the people would flock to them. Expansion, of course, to grand proportions could be realized.

23. the most faborable areas for partisan activities

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Forests and rural areas. Cities are dangerous since more security is concentrated there. In rural areas you have a certain degree of familiarity with security personalities and they are fewer in number. There is less chance of treason because of the personal factor

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as well as fear of retaliation by the people against members of the security police. More likely than not you would find many of the security forces joining the partisan groups. Then too, anyone who has been hostile to the people in any particular area would be liquidated. Persons suspected of informing would also be screened out. Evasion by partisan groups could remain successful until the arrival of friendly armies.

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Soviet personnel deserting the ranks to join these partisan activities. There is little love for the Soviet regime where some of the Soviet soldiers are concerned.

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25. type of troops guard your airfields

All guards are Polish and security is heavy under present conditions.

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in most cases an airfield contains only one strip, and is generally constructed poorly, so that rendering an airfield useless is a simple matter.

27.

all key positions in Poland are filled by Soviet representatives. For the purposes of confirming Polish representation (psychologically) even the names were changed from Russian to Polish. In that way decisions from the Kremlin are materialized and controlled. In the Armed Forces, complete Polish uniforms, not Soviet uniforms are worn by these personalities. A fine example of these facts is Marshal Rokossovsky. He is not Polish, but Russian. In addition to this you have regular mission forces scattered throughout Poland. The Russian personalities throughout the complete structure of Poland are not considered advisors, but permanent representative citizens of the Polish nation.

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Due to the peculiar atmosphere of fear and suspicion, everyone keeps to himself, and has as little to do with anyone as possible. an incident where Polish enlisted men started a fight with Soviet soldiers while on pass in village, but it was of no serious nature.

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To discuss escape is quite dangerous, so no one speaks of it. heavy punishment is inflicted if escapees are apprehended, and that has much to do with discouraging such acts.

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